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SUBJ: VISIT OF NORTH KOREAN DELEGATION

REF: A) ADDIS 8408; B) ADDIS 6762

1. SOUTH KOREAN COUNSELOR YANG TOLD EMBOFF THAT THE JULY 14-17 VISIT BY THE DPRK DEL HEADED BY DEP PREMIER PAK SONG CHOL APPARENTLY RESOLVED FEW BILATERAL ISSUES. THE NORTH KOREAN DEL MET WITH FONMIN KIFLE AND THE HEADS OF THE FAR EASTERN, UNO, AMERICAN AND ECONOMIC DEPTS IN MOFA. THE DEL ALSO MET WITH PMAC CHAIRMAN BG TEFERI BANTE. THE DETAILS OF THE TEFERI MEETING, HOWEVER, HAVE NOT BEEN MADE PUBLIC. ACCORDING TO YANG'S MOFA SOURCES, THE NORTH KOREANS REQUESTED EPMG SUPPORT FOR THEIR POSITION AT THE UN. THE ETHIOPIANS REPORTEDLY REPLIED THAT FOR THE PRESENT THEIR POSITION IN THE UN AND AT THE NON-ALIGNED CONFERENCE IN LIMA REMAINED AS IT HAD BEEN IN THE PAST, I.E., UN ENTRY FOR BOTH KOREANS OR NEITHER.

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2. EPMG OFFICIALS EXPRESSED THEIR DESIRE TO DISCUSS ECONOMIC AID WITH THE DPRK DEL. THE KOREANS REPORTEDLY REFUSED TO DISCUSS ECONOMIC MATTERS AND TOLD THE ETHIOPIANS TO WAIT FOR THE VISIT OF THE DPRK ECONOMIC DEL TENTATIVELY SCHEDULED FOR AUG.

COMMENT: THE ECONOMIC DEL WAS SUPPOSED TO COME IN JULY (CF PARA 4, REF B).

3. YANG'S SOURCES REPORTED THAT THE KOREANS HAD HELD LONG DISCUSSIONS WITH KIFLE AND OTHERS. THESE DISCUSSIONS INCLUDED LENGTHY TRANSLATIONS OF KOREAN STATEMENTS WHICH THE ALREADY TIRED KIFLE FOUND EXTREMELY BORING.

4. COMMENT: JUDGING BY THE ABOVE AND BY ETHIOPIAN MEDIA WHICH GAVE A LARGE PLAY JULY 16 TO THE KOREAN DEL AND PRINTED A POLITE BUT SMALL ARTICLE AFTER ITS DEPARTURE, LITTLE OF SUBSTANCE MAY HAVE BEEN ACHIEVED DURING THE VISIT.
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